

## Last Chance

Next week's base newspaper will be the last issue of the year as the publisher will take a two-week holiday break. The first issue of the Kadena Shogun in 2000 will be the Jan. 14 edition.

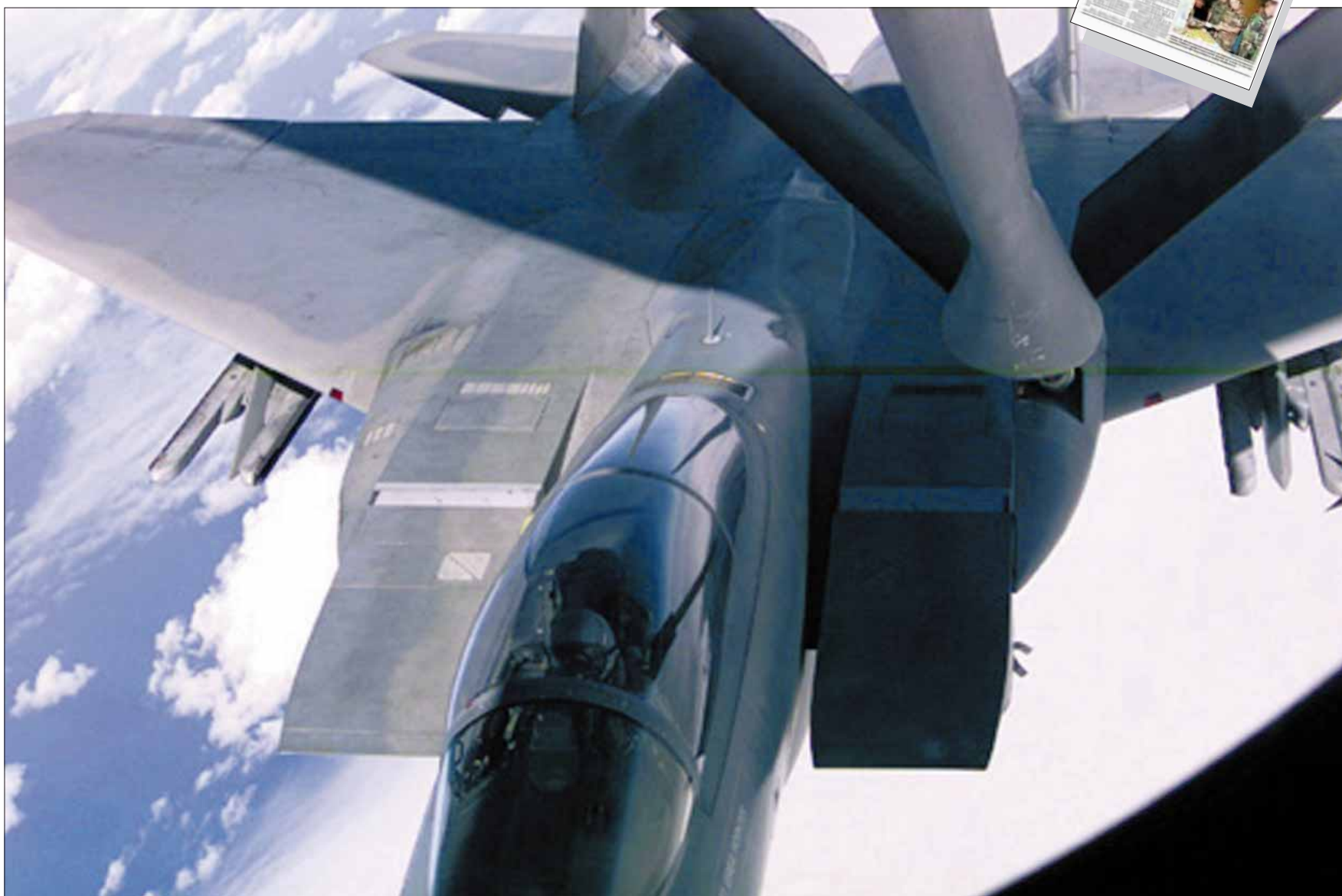


Photo by Senior Airman Reynaldo Ramon

A KC-135 from the 909th Aerial Refueling Squadron tops off the tanks of an 18th Wing F-15.

# COMBAT READY

## Kadena's 18th Wing passes major command inspection

By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais  
18th Wing Public Affairs

The 18th Wing proved to higher headquarters officials and the rest of the world that it can perform its war-time mission under extreme circumstances during a Combat Employment Readiness Inspection held here Dec. 7-9.

With the wing scoring high in many areas, including its ability to

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fly and fight, 18th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Jim Smith was pleased with the outcome. Addressing a crowd that had to line the walls of the Keystone Theater because all 900 seats were taken, Smith said during the outbrief Monday, "Two weeks ago

I told you that to accomplish this mission we would have to protect our people and equipment, execute our ability to survive and operate (ATSO), complete our sorties and maintain our logistics — you did all that superbly. You proved that if you were

tasked now to go to war, you could go tomorrow.

"All our tanker support was on time, missiles were there when we needed them, AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) support was superb, not a single intruder got in, we didn't lose one person to ATSO (employment), the operations tempo never came down and the services squadron was serving hot meals

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**Brig. Gen. Jim Smith**

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the entire time.

"I'm proud of you. There isn't a wing commander who is prouder of his people than I am of you," Smith said.

A week before a team of Pacific Air Forces Inspector General members arrived here to start the CERI, the 18th Wing "deployed" its members to Base X to practice completing its mission under combat conditions. Base X is an imaginary base that simulates the deployed location.

The people deployed for the inspection, while still physically located on Kadena, were not available to per-

form functions in their normal duty sections.

As in a real contingency, those left behind were still required to accomplish the normal mission, despite manning shortages.

Inspectors evaluated activities on both sides of the base — Base X and the "home" base.

The practice seemed to have paid off.

The wing scored high ratings in command and control, air superiority, air battle management, air refueling, combat search and rescue — the tip of the airpower sword.

Also praised highly was base

# COMBAT READY



Photo by Staff Sgt. Pedro Saldana

Members of the 18th Security Forces Squadron react to their inspection ratings during the outbrief by the Pacific Air Forces team at the theater Monday.

defense, medical care, munitions, transportation, fuels, sortie generation, wing planning cell/mission planning cell, air-to-air support, engineering, combat support services, recovery operations, damage assessment, expedient construction and fire fighting.

Even before the inspection was through, Smith praised his troops in a commentary in the last issue of a Base X newsletter, "The Base X Eagle."

"As a wing, you were magnificent. Every facet of the wing was well prepared...and you executed your

mission exceptionally well.

"You jelled as one well-oiled machine. How does it compare to combat? My experience suggests that it is mostly the same, only in combat you're more scared. Nevertheless, the fundamentals of learning to survive in a chemical environment while doing your job in the professional manner that you demonstrated ... should provide you with the confidence to succeed when we do this "for real."

"I cannot imagine a better team to take into combat. I would go with you in a minute. I am shamelessly proud of each and every one of you."

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Senior Airman Mark J. Berg  
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### 44th FS Weapons Load Crew #22

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## Cell-phone use in cars illegal

Its now illegal for vehicle operators on Kadena to drive and use a cellular telephone, two-way radio or any hand-held electronic device. Drivers are also not allowed to have televisions, land-navigation devices or similar equipment turned on within their eyesight while operating a vehicle, according to 18th Wing Instruction 31-204.

The new base rule falls in line with a Japanese road traffic law that went into affect Nov. 1. The new law doesn't apply to official government communications equipment or while reporting emergency situations, such as traffic accidents.

## New ID policy in base stores begins

Kadena officials have made a new commissary and base exchange policy that requires guests to be signed in by at least one authorized patron with a valid identification card.

The only person who can make purchases is the authorized ID-card holder, who's also responsible for ensuring that commissary and exchange privileges are not inadvertently or intentionally abused. Patrons with questions regarding the new policy should ask the commissary or BX management.

## People First Easing into civilian life

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Service members and their spouses can make a successful transition back to civilian life through the Transition Assistance Program.

The program provides pre-separation counseling services and discusses such benefits as relocation assistance, financial counseling, health and life insurance options, education benefits and career change counseling. TAP also offers a three-day employment assistance workshop which helps departing members acquire the skills needed to succeed in today's labor market.

The Family Support Center, which administers TAP, is equipped with the latest computers, software packages, and peripheral equipment to facilitate resume preparation and job hunting. Hard copies of local job postings are also maintained, as are the listings of other help agencies such as placement services, recruiters, etc. An up-to-date library of reference books and videos on all job search subjects is an integral part of this center.

For more information, call FSC at 634-3366.

## Christmas Village



Photo by Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais

Mackenzie and Dawson Lawrence get a peek of Frosty the Snowman during their escapade through Kadena's Christmas Village. Holiday music is scheduled tonight, and photos with Santa will highlight Saturday's events. Singer Maria Howell will end the event by singing holiday songs from 8-9 p.m. Saturday.

## Base holiday closures, hours

- The 18th Transportation Squadron vehicle operations section will be closed for 24 hours beginning at 11:30 p.m., Dec. 24; and again on Dec. 31, also starting at 11:30 p.m. For more information, call 634-4505.

- The Kadena Housing furnishings warehouses and self-help operations will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1-2. For more information, call 632-4311.

- The Kadena Commissary announces its operating hours for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Dec. 24 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 25 Closed

Jan. 1 Closed

Jan. 2 Closed

- From Monday through Dec. 31, the 18th Medical Group family practice and pediatric clinics will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Weekend and holiday hours are unchanged, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The Kadena Base Library will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. It will also reduce its hours from Dec. 27 through Dec. 30 to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. On Dec. 26, the library will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call 634-1502.

- Postal Service Center 80 will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26. Until Dec. 23, parcel pick-up hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays. On Dec. 24, it'll be

open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

- The 18th Dental Squadron is offering a special dental examination and teeth cleaning for family member college students visiting here for the holidays. Appointments can be made until Jan. 7 by calling 630-4011 or e-mail at:

18ds.appt@kadena.af.mil.

## E-mail and a prayer offered by chapel

The Kadena Chapel is offering daily e-mail devotions, which are Christian in nature and are from Guideposts. The devotions are three to four paragraphs long. To receive devotion, e-mail:

steven.west@kadena.af.mil and asked to be added to the list.

## Contest offers free stall, lift hours

The Kadena Auto Skills Center is offering two free stall hours or two free lift hours to patrons who fill out entry forms and are randomly selected from now until December 31, 2000. The drawings will be held the first of each month.

Also, throughout January, patrons who use a stall or lift for two hours or more receive one hour of stall or lift use for free.

For more information, call 634-1126.

## Safe holiday tips

The Kadena Fire Protection Flight offers the following safety tips

for the holidays:

- Place protective covers on all unused electrical outlets.
- Use surge protectors or fused plug strips whenever possible for high-dollar items such as computers, stereo equipment or televisions.
- Maintain at least six inches between electrical outlets and any flammable materials.
- Don't run extension cords under carpets or around carpets.
- Ensure all power cords are not crimped or tied in a knot.
- Don't plug two or more cords together.

## Dress and appearance

(Editor's Note: The following is the third in a series of military dress and appearance scenarios that will test your knowledge of the subject.)

You're in the shoppette paying for a few items when you notice a military couple in uniform behind you. The man is wearing a cellular telephone clipped to his waistband while his wife has a beeper attached to her purse. Is this legal?

According to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, beepers and cellular telephones will be clipped to the waistband or purse or carried in the left hand. Also, the communication devices will be prohibited unless required to perform duties.

# Slow Down!!

By Brig. Gen. James B. Smith  
18th Wing commander

In the last month, I have received Action Line complaints about people speeding in housing areas. These calls are coming from people who are genuinely concerned for the safety of their children. They should be concerned; we all should be more concerned.

Specific areas where the Security Police will be watching include Washington Heights, Kinney Housing and the area in front of Kadena High School and Bob Hope Elementary School.

If you are a potential speeder, think twice before you put one of our children at risk. You will also save yourself a lifetime of regret.

For you concerned parents, if you catch a speeder, please get a license number and report it to the law enforcement desk at 634-2475. We'll run the plate number and identify the driver.

The holidays are upon us and children will be out with new bikes, skates, etc., so BE CAREFUL!

## ACTION LINES

### No need for speed

**Q:** I have noticed on several occasions drivers, even those in staff cars, speeding through Kinney Housing in the morning. Is there some way to remind people of the speed limit?

**A:** The speed limit in all housing areas is 40 kph, unless otherwise posted. 18th Security Forces patrols, when available, have used selective radar in high-traffic areas to cite vehicle operators exceeding the posted speed limits. Everyone operating a motor vehicle must take a more proactive stance in obeying the posted speed limits for the safety and security of all personnel. If you witness an unsafe driving act, such as excessive speeding, please get an accurate license plate number and report it to the Law Enforcement Desk, 634-2475, as soon as possible so they can run the plate number and identify the driver.

### Slow down in housing

**Q:** I live in family housing and I've seen people driving 40 kph (25 mph) past children waiting for a school bus. Can the speed limit be reduced during times children are waiting for a bus?

**A:** The safety of our children in family housing areas is a major concern and it's the reason why the speed limit in housing areas is only 40 kph. The predominate speed limit for passenger vehicles in residential areas throughout the U.S. and on military installations are between 25 to 30 mph. This posted speed is safe and gives prudent drivers more than enough time to recognize traffic hazards and take appropriate action to avoid an accident. If the speed limit is set too low, drivers will generally ignore it and drive at a comfortable speed. Realistic speed limits encourage public compliance, which is the basis of enforcing justifiable traffic laws. Installing speed reduction signs in housing area bus stops would create visual clutter and would be difficult to enforce. Drivers are encouraged to use extra caution when approaching school busses, bus-loading zones and while traveling in family housing areas. In addition,

daylight hours are growing shorter as winter approaches and drivers must remember to drive within visibility limits and be on the lookout for pedestrians wearing dark-colored clothes.

### Speeding by high school

**Q:** I live near the high school where the speed limit until 11 a.m. is 25 kph, yet I've had cars pass me doing at least 60 kph.

**A:** Unfortunately, the license plate number you gave came back with no match. When you witness unsafe driving practices such as this one, rather than use the Action Line, report it immediately to the Security Forces law enforcement desk at 634-2475. Although we can't issue a speeding citation, we can issue a verbal warning to the driver. We appreciate your concern regarding this never-ending speeding problem. The bottom line is that vehicle operators must make a conscious decision to drive and act responsibly. This means obeying all the posted speed limits on base. Security Forces patrols run selective radar enforcement, but it is impossible to catch every speeder on the base. With your help, though, we can help education base people and perhaps deter future violators.

### Navy people in clubs

**Q:** I'm concerned about the bus loads of Navy people who come on to Kadena and use our clubs. I pay \$5 per month to use the clubs, but can't get in because of all the Navy people.

**A:** Navy personnel who use our facilities are on Kadena while their ships are in port. Their ID cards have ship stickers attached identifying them as personnel assigned to a ship without club facilities. Air Force Instruction 34-129, paragraph 1.9, authorizes them to use our facilities for food and beverages. If they want to participate in our game room or bingo program, they must pay a \$5 fee for a one-month temporary club card. We have never been in a situation where people couldn't enter our facilities because there were too many people in them.

## Action Line

634-3327

Brig. Gen. James B. Smith  
18th Wing commander



The 18th Wing is very interested in your ideas that could make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.

If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it.

Although not required, it is better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agency with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, give us a call; leave your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you and a brief summary of your concern.

The agencies listed below can be contacted directly if you have a complaint or problem:

**AAFES Action Line — 645-4301**  
**Base Exchange — 633-4570**  
**Civil Engineer Helpline — 634-4270**  
**Clubs — 634-3002**  
**Commissary — 634-3640**  
**Finance — 634-3006**  
**Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline — 634-0404**  
**Home Telephone Helpline — 634-4080**  
**Housing Maintenance — 634-HOME**  
**Kadena Services — 634-1719**  
**Medical and Dental — 632-9304**  
**Safety — 634-SAFE**  
**Security Forces — 634-2475**

## Keep braces when PCSing

**Q:** I'm preparing to make a permanent-change-of-station move and I have braces on my teeth. I've been told that my braces must be removed before I leave, even though my treatment is incomplete; I know of an Army person who left with her braces still on and I'd like to know why the policy is different for Air Force and Army personnel.

**A:** It is Air Force policy, outlined in Air Force Instruction 47-101, that braces will be removed when an active-duty Air Force member goes PCS to a base without a military orthodontist. However, Army and Navy policy is different, allowing active-duty patients the option of keeping their military braces on and paying for a civilian orthodontist to finish the treatment. Your concern prompted the Headquarters Air Force Surgeon General for Dental to review this policy. As a result, the policy has been modified to allow active-duty Air Force people to keep their braces during a PCS once the dental officer counsels them about the risks and the fact that continuing the treatment with a civilian dentist would be at the patient's expense.



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# Pay to be OK for Y2K, says finance official

By Robert F. Hale  
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WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Lately it seems that you can't turn on the television or read a newspaper without seeing some story about possible Y2K computer problems. The Air Force has worked this issue hard and is well prepared for the year 2000.

And speaking for the Air Force financial community, I can assure you that the accuracy and timeliness of your pay will not be affected by Y2K.

As the new millennium approaches, you may wonder whether the Y2K bug will somehow cause problems with your pay or allotments to your family or other important groups. I can assure you that all the hardware and software that supports your pay is Y2K-ready and has been tested and retested.

This applies to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, which handles DOD pay, as well as to pay systems at your base and throughout the Air Force. To further ensure that your pay goes through as scheduled, key agencies have developed contingency plans.

For example, you might ask what happens if some basic utility, such as electricity or communications, somewhere in that chain of systems breaks down because of the Y2K bug, or if severe weather problems add to any Y2K problems. Will you still get paid? The answer is "yes!"

For each such contingency every organization that plays a role in your pay has continuity of operations plans including backup generators or electricity. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service also has the necessary backup pay files.

In addition, all key organizations will also be staffed over the New Year's weekend to respond quickly to any situation. There will be sufficient cash available at base financial institutions, the base exchange, clubs and the commissary to accommodate your check cashing needs.

Arrangements have been put in place to provide special cash to bases in the event of any unexpected disruptions.

If it would make you feel better over the New Year's weekend, you could have a couple of days of extra cash in your pocket and some extra groceries on the shelf. But, as I said, you should rest assured the Air Force will continue to be able to fly, fight, win and pay its people in the year 2000 and beyond.

## Y2K is coming — what can you do ?

By 1st Lt.  
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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) — The year 2000 is coming. If you believe the "gloom and doomers," Y2K will rank right up there with famine, pestilence and floods as one of history's greatest disasters.

This will not happen, say Y2K experts at the Air Force Communications Agency here. The sky will not fall. It's will not be the end of the computer-driven world. Experts expect there will be some isolated, short-term problems, but these should be fixed quickly. Government and industry are working very hard to ensure the United States is prepared to handle any problems with the calendar change.

But that's not to say you should not be ready for the unexpected. The AFCA Y2K staff said the event is not cause for mass hysteria, but believes a little preparation will ensure Air Force families are ready for any Y2K problems. Most homes will continue to operate normally in 2000, but it is always good practice to be ready for the unknown.

What is Y2K? Cost and space limitations in computer memory chips led programmers to use only the last two digits to

designate the year. Many chips maintain time and date information in different locations — the first two digits (century) are hard coded into the chip and the last two digits count from "00" to "99." The two locations are put together to form the four-digit year, for example, 1999. Problem solved — until the year 2000. The Y2K problem will occur when "99" rolls over to "00" and programs misinterpret the year as 1900 instead of 2000.

As if that is not enough, 2000 is also a leap year. Programs may not recognize Feb. 29, 2000 or the fact that 2000 will have 366 days instead of the usual 365.

The use of two digits to represent the year affects many modern conveniences — personal computers, videocassette recorders, televisions, cameras, camcorders, fax machines, electronic organizers and even cars. Nearly anything that recognizes, processes or manipulates dates is susceptible.

The first step in assessing Y2K risks is to inventory any items that use date information. Equipped with your inventory, determine if it is important that these items recognize the correct date. If so, simple tests can tell if they are Y2K compliant. Set the clocks on these devices ahead to 11:58 p.m. Dec. 31, 1999 and see what happens after two minutes. If

you see "1/1/00" (2000), then it is Y2K compliant. If the device displays the day, it should show "1/1/00" (2000) as a Saturday.

To test for leap year compliance, set the clock forward to Feb. 28, 2000, and see if it rolls over to Feb. 29, 2000. If you can, check the manufacturer's Web site for information regarding compliance and workarounds for noncompliant products.

For personal computers, free tests are available to check your PC Basic Input/Output System, or BIOS. Beware of manual testing on your home PCs. Software licenses may expire, or date-sensitive software may delete or archive current data. Most noncompliant PCs can be fixed with software patches or by manually setting the date on Jan. 1, 2000. Check with the manufacturers of frequently used software programs — most have Web sites with compliance information.

What else can you do to reduce risks? The following checklist is not all-inclusive but calls attention to some precautionary measures:

- Check home medical devices. Ask your physician if your device processes date information. If so, check with the manufacturer for compliance information. You might also want to refill necessary medical prescriptions.
- Keep records of all bank, credit card and

loan statements including individual retirement accounts, certificates of deposit, 401k accounts and mortgage papers. This is good practice for trouble-free living and not just a Y2K measure.

- Have an adequate cash supply for your short-term needs (enough for a three-or four-day weekend) — and don't wait until the last minute. The Y2K rollover is a holiday weekend and people will need cash for traveling, shopping and entertainment.

- The Y2K rollover is in the winter; a time when Mother Nature is active, so don't let your fuel supplies get low. Make sure you have plenty of gas in your car Dec. 31 in case pumps aren't working the next day.

- Check your emergency kits in case of temporary power outages.

- Beware of unqualified advice or claims offering to help you "survive" the Y2K rollover.

Some people seek to profit from the Y2K rollover and some of their services will take your money while offering no help to you.

The Air Force is working hard to ensure the 2000 rollover comes and goes without any adverse effects to your daily lives. Some simple, smart preparations as well as good common sense will make the transition easier.

## DoD halts some anthrax shots until plant passes muster

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Failure of a new anthrax vaccine production plant to pass FDA inspection has led DoD to postpone the second phase of vaccinations for at least six months.

Defense officials announced Dec. 13 the Pentagon will delay inoculating troops other than those deployed to Korea and the Persian Gulf until new batches of the vaccine are proven safe and effective.

Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secre-

tary of defense for Health Affairs, said there are enough FDA-certified dosages to continue vaccinating troops headed to those high-threat areas.

But if the United States had to conduct a military buildup now, such as it did for Desert Storm, it couldn't fully protect those troops against anthrax, a senior officer said.

"We're not there, yet," said Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Randall West, a special adviser on anthrax and biological weapons to Rudy de Leon, undersecretary of defense for Person-

nel and Readiness. Bailey said DoD has other ways to protect troops against anthrax attacks, including chemical/biological protection suits, gas masks and antibiotics.

She said DoD also could decide to give every soldier a portion of the six prescribed inoculations, so they would have some protection.

Bailey said DoD has no plans to halt anthrax inoculations all together. "The program is safe, effective and necessary," she said, "and we will continue to meet the highest pos-

sible standards." Defense Secretary William S. Cohen delayed the second phase of inoculations until the new production facility built by Bioport, the Michigan-based manufacturer, achieves FDA certification. Bioport built the new production facility after demolishing the smaller state-regulated facility on the same site. The larger facility is necessary to meet DoD production requirements of some 400,000 dosages a month. The old plant produced just 2,000 doses a month.



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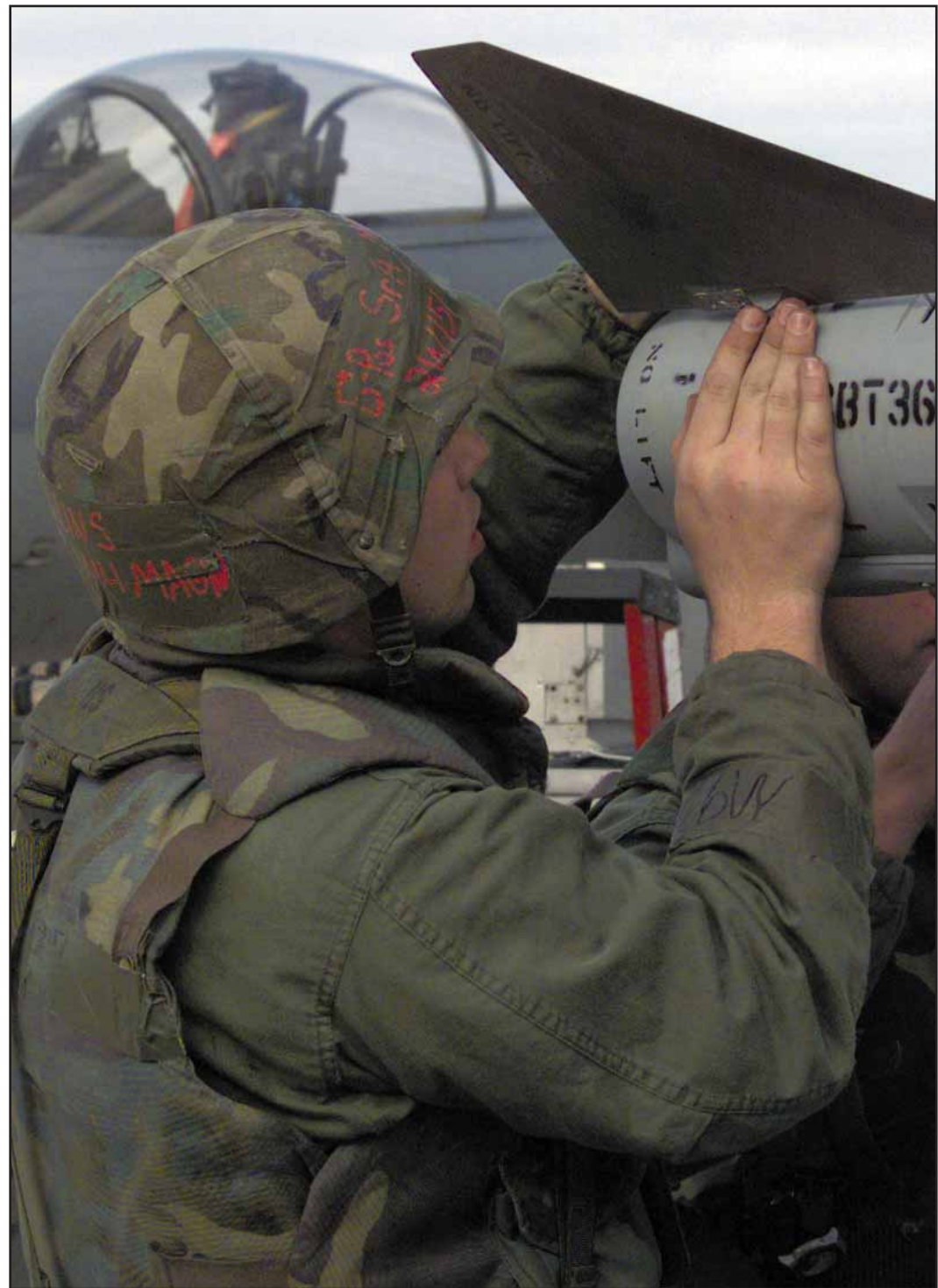


Photo and cutline by Staff Sgt. Steven Smith  
A senior airman loads a missile onto an F-15 during the inspection.



Photo and cutline by A1C Denise Berdar  
An F-15 pulls out of a hardened aircraft shelter during the Combat Employment Readiness Inspection.



Photo and cutline by SrA. Reynaldo Ramon  
A crewmember from the 909th Aerial Refueling Squadron prepares to takeoff.



Photo and cutline by A1C Denise Berdar  
Base X personnel review the ATSO guide during a sector sweep.



Photo and cutline by Staff Sgt. Pedro Saldana  
Deployed personnel inspects the engine intake of an F-15.



Photo and cutline by Staff Sgt. Cherie Kiger  
An aircraft maintainer halts an F-16 after returning from a sortie.



Air Force photo  
An F-15 taxis during the inspection.



Photo and cutline by Staff Sgt. Gary Fowler  
A member of the 33rd Rescue Squadron prepares the propellers on a helicopter.



Photo and cutline by Staff Sgt. Gary Fowler  
ABOVE: Two members from the 18th Security Forces Squadron defends the perimeter in Area 1 during a mortar attack.  
RIGHT: Airman throughout the wing performed various duties at a deployed base.



Air Force photo



Okinawa  
Happenings

## Off-Base

## Exhibitions

**Through January:** *Battle of Okinawa Pictures Exhibition* — Sakima Art Museum — 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. — closed Tuesdays — ¥700 per adult, ¥500 per junior and senior high school students, ¥300 per elementary school student, under 5 enter free — 893-5737 for more information

## Dining/Shows

**Through Dec. 25:** *Italian Christmas dinner* — Renaissance Hotel Restaurant Four Season — 6-10:30 p.m. — ¥9,000

**Through Dec. 25:** *Hawaiian Christmas Buffet* — Renaissance Hotel, Sailfish Cafe — 5:30-10:30 p.m. — ¥6006, children under 12 half price

**Through Dec. 25:** *Hong Kong Christmas dinner* — Coco Garden Resort Hotel — 5:30-10 p.m. — ¥3,500

**Through Mar. 31, 2000:** *Hawaiian Night Asian buffet and dinner show* — Renaissance Hotel — shows every night at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. except Tuesdays — ¥5,250 in advance, ¥6,006 at the door, half price for children under 12

## Dance/Music

**Through Dec.** — *Okinwan Dance* — Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. — students learn expressive dance forms — taught by native Okinawans — cost is \$25 — 634-1387 for more information

**Tours Daily:** *Semi-submersible Boat Tour* — Kadena ITT — 8 boats daily, 50-minute tours — ¥3,500 per adult, ¥1,750 per child boarding charge — meal packages available at additional cost — tickets must be reserved

**Dec. 18:** *Shuri Castle* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — \$22 per adult, \$18 per child

**Dec. 19:** *Battle of Okinawaw* — Kadena ITT — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — \$25 per adult, \$20 per child

## Off-base events

**Dec. 22-28:** *Fantasy Light Show* — Okinawa Children's Zoo, 4-10 p.m. — advance tickets: ¥1,500, adults; ¥900 for children ages 3-15 — at the door, costs

## Christmas Village

Until Saturday, the Schilling Community Activities Center is opening a holiday Christmas Village. At 8 p.m. Saturday, soul singer Maria Howell will perform her favorite collection of holiday music.

Enjoy walking through the village capturing Christmas magic and enjoy the festivities like craft and food booths, photos with Santa, games, contests and entertainment.

The rain location is inside the Schilling Community Activities Center. Call 634-1387 or 632-0310 for information.

The following is a commonly used list of telephone numbers for this week's off duty activities:

Schilling Community Activities Center	634-1386/7
Kadena Family Support Center	634-3366
Kadena Information, Tickets and Tours	634-4322
Kadena Arts and Crafts Center	634-1666
Kadena Base Library	634-1502
Kadena American Red Cross	634-1979
Banyan Tree Club	634-0644
Rocker NCO Club	634-0740
Officer's Club	632-6071
Busena Terrace Resort Hotel	098-051-1333
Southeast Botanical Garden	939-2555
Renaissance Hotel	965-0707
Mitsukoshi Department Store	869-4115
Ryubo Department Store	867-1171
Bullfighting	857-0185
Prefectural Folk Theater	866-2341



## Free concert

Nashville recording artist Chely Wright is performing free Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. at Kadena's Marek Park. The rain site is the Kadena Rocker NCO Club. No video or audio recording is permitted. For more information, call 634-1387.

are ¥1,800, adults; ¥1,000 for children 3-15 — dvance tickets available at Family Mart and Lawson — 4-11 p.m.

**Dec. 22-Jan. 2:** *Millennium Wonderland 2000* — Southeast Botanical Garden — light ceremony and laser light show — advance tickets: ¥1,800, adults; ¥900 for children ages 6-11 — at the door: ¥2,000, adults; ¥1,000 for children ages 6-11 — 4-11 p.m.

**Dec. 26:** *Bullfighting* — Ishikawa City Bull Ring — ¥2,500 — starts at 1 p.m.

**Dec. 31-Jan. 1:** *Countdown Party on Millennium Night* — Southeast Botanical Garden — advance tickets: ¥1,800, adults; ¥900 for children ages 6-11 — at the door: ¥2,000, adults; ¥1,000 for children ages 6-11 — last until 2 a.m.

**Dec. 31-Jan. 1:** Festival of the Fire and the Bell in Mabuni — Peace Memorial Museum — Free — 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

## International tours

**Dec. 26 through Jan. 3:** *The Millennium in Bali* — Kadena ITT

**Dec. 19-23:** Singapore — Kadena ITT

**Dec. 19 - Jan. 3:** Australia, Kadena ITT

**Dec. 27 - Jan. 2:** Bali, Kadena ITT

**Jan. 16-23:** Bangkok & Chaing Mai, Kadena ITT

## On-Base

## Kadena ITT tours

**Dec. 18:** Shuri Castle and Ryukyu Kingdom, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — adults, \$22; children, \$18

**Dec. 19:** Battle of Okinawa 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., — adults, \$25; children, \$20

**Dec. 20:** Okinawa Dance and Music Show, 6-10:30 p.m. — adults, \$25; children, \$15

**Dec. 22:** Ice skating trip, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — adults, \$20; students, \$15; children, \$12

**Dec. 23:** Last-minute shopping at Kokusai Street, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — adults, \$15; children, \$10

**Dec. 24:** Southeast Botanical Christmas Light Show, 7-10 p.m. — adults, \$25; children, \$15

**Dec. 26:** Ie Island day tour, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., — adults, \$30; children, \$20

**Dec. 28:** Neo Park, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — adults, \$20; children, \$15

**Dec. 29:** Busena Resort Underwater Observatory, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — adults, \$25; students, \$20; children, \$15

**Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve Sunset Cruise & Millennium Cruise, 5-7 p.m., and another from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. — \$30 per person

## Officers Club

**Monday nights:** Bring your family and receive a 20 percent discount on your meal. Families can enjoy a special entree each Wednesday night, in addition to the a la cart menu.

## Rocker NCO Club

**Through Dec. 23:** *December Holiday Meal-to-go* — \$54.95 — includes a 22-24 pound turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and pump-

kin pie — \$59.95 for smoked 15-17-pound ham — orders accepted at customer service area — limited dinners available — paid in full at time of order — pick-up is Dec. 24

## Banyan Tree Club

Holiday bake goods and party trays are available — cakes, pies, donuts, sandwiches, vegetable trays and more — from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. — 634-0644

## Johnson Dining Facility

**Dec. 25:** *Christmas Day Brunch* — menuing, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, Southern-style green beans, corn on the cob, glazed yams, potato salad, cucumber pie

## Okuma Surfside Restaurant

**Dec. 25:** *Christmas Gourmet Dinner* — 5-9 p.m. — dinner with soup and salad, fruit, desert, champagne and tea and coffee

## New Year's Eve

**Through Dec. 31:** *New Year's Eve parties Dec. 31* — tickets go on sale

**Officers Club:** 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the ballroom with entertainment from G.D. Productions Force Music DJ Family — tickets, \$20, walk-ins accepted Dec. 31 after 11 p.m. for \$15

**Rocker NCO Club:** Doors open at 7 p.m. for ticket holders only — R&B/Urban Beat Mix DJ in ballroom — 60s through present day dance-variety mix DJ in the lounge — tickets, \$20 — after Dec. 22, tickets cost \$25 for non-club, SOFA-status people

**Banyan Tree Club:** Doors open at 8 p.m. for ticket holders only — Hip-hop/Urban/House mix in ballroom and vareity mix and requests in the lounge — tickets, \$20 — heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet, breakfast at 12:15 a.m. — no reserved seating

**Kadena All Star Lanes:** From 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. — five people can rent a lane for \$75 for six hours, or open bowling with a pay-as-you-go snack bar — hats, party favors, bottle of champagne

## Gatherings

**Mondays:** *George Frederick Handel's "Messiah" practice* — Ecumenical Chorale — 7-9 p.m. — auditions required for soloists — concert set for early December — 645-8432 for more information

**Fridays and Saturdays:** *Country and Western night* — Schilling Community Activities Center — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. — 634-6981 for more information

## Contest

**Underwater Photo Contest** — Marine Corps Community Service Tsunami Gear — judging Jan. 31 — photographers may enter photos in categories of macro, wide angle, diver and marine life — first-, second- and third-place winners for each category and an overall winner will receive Tsunami Gear gift certificates and have photos published in the 2000 issue of *Okinawa Diver* — 645-3970 for complete contest rules and more information

**Youth photography contest** — Youth

Activities Boys and Girls Club of Kadena — entries accepted until Dec. 28 — open to youths ages 3 to 18 — black and white and color photography, 32 winning photographs will be exhibited at a Boys and Girls Club of America national conference at special events nationwide throughout the year — winners receive engraved plaques and two mounted prints of their photographs, all participants receive certificates — bring photo entries to Teen Center Millennium, the Kadena Youth Center or the School Age Program, or call 634-0382

## Classes

## Tuesdays

- *Framing and Matting* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 9:15 a.m. to noon
- *Beginning Ceramics* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8:30 p.m.
- *Ikebana* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 5-7 p.m.
- *Rubber Stamping* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
- *Tole Painting* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
- *Advanced Drawing* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
- *Frame Update* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 9:15 a.m. to noon

## Wednesdays

- *Bonsai* — miniature trees — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m. — must register before class
- *Beginning Pottery* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 5-7 p.m.
- *Ikebana* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 4-6 p.m.
- *Washi Paper and Kime Komi* — Obi, Japanese dolls, Ochi-e pictures, decorative boxes and eggs — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m. — must register before class
- *Introductory China Painting* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
- *Scrapbooking* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
- *Flower Arranging* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 6-8 p.m.
- *Beginning Tole Painting* — Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Chapel

## Catholic

*Saturday*  
Confessions — 4 p.m. — Chapel 1  
Mass — 5 p.m. — Chapel 1

*Sunday*  
Mass — 8:45 a.m. — Chapel 1  
Mass — 12:15 p.m. — Chapel 2  
Mass — 5 p.m. — Chapel 1

## Protestant

*Sunday*  
Inspirational Service — 9 a.m. — Chapel 2  
Evangelical Service — 10:24 a.m. — Base Theater  
General Protestant Service — 10:30 a.m. — Chapel 1  
Liturgical Service — 10:30 a.m. — Chapel 2  
Gospel Service — noon — Chapel 1

## Eastern Othodox

*Saturday*  
Vespers — 5 p.m. — Camp Foster St. Nicholas Chapel

*Sunday*  
Divine Liturgy — 9:30 a.m. — Camp Foster St. Nicholas Chapel  
For more information, call 645-7486.

## Jewish

*Friday*  
Shabbat Service — 7:15 p.m. — Camp Foster Chapel

*Sunday*  
Religious Education — 9:30 a.m. — Camp Foster Credo Center  
For more information, call Chaplain Mitchell Schranz at 637-1027.

## Islamic

For information, call Gunnery Sgt. Hefis Camp at 637-2167/2164.

## MOVIES

Movie schedules are supplied by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Patrons should call the theater to verify movie titles, ratings, and running and start times.

KEYSTONE,  
634-1869

**Tonight:** "The World is Not Enough," R  
**Saturday:** "The World is Not Enough," R, and "The Muse," PG-13  
**Sunday:** "The Muse," PG-13; "The World is Not Enough," R; and "The Insider," R  
**Monday:** "End of Days," R  
**Tuesday:** "The Insider," R  
**Wednesday:** "Drive me Crazy," PG-1  
**Thursday:** "Sleepy Hollow," R

BUTLER,  
645-3465

**Tonight:** "Sleepy Hollow," R  
**Saturday:** "Star Wars-Episode 1," PG, and "Sleepy Hollow," R  
**Sunday:** "Star Wars-Episode 1," PG, and "For the Love of the Game," PG-13  
**Monday:** "Pok'emon," G, and "For the Love of the Game," PG-13  
**Tuesday:** "Drive Me Crazy," PG-13  
**Wednesday:** "101 Dalmatians," PG-13, and "Drive Me Crazy," PG-13  
**Thursday:** "End of the Days," R

## VIDEOS

New video releases available each Tuesday at the base video stores. Because of shipping, release dates may vary.

## Dec. 21

"Adventures of Elmo/Grouchland"

"Made Men"

"Supercop 2"

"Summer of Sam"

"Witness to the Mob"

# Kadena Falcons win tournament in explosive last-inning hitting streak

By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais  
18th Wing Public Affairs

Down 22-15 going into the final inning in the final game, the Kadena Falcons varsity softball team packed its bats with dynamite and exploded with eight straight runs that earned them first place in the Holiday Softball Classic at Futenma Air Station held Dec. 4 and 5.

The Kadena Falcons lived up to its nickname, the BullDawgs, by gnawing and clawing its way back from the losers' bracket, facing the number one team in the Pacific, and beating Pacific Force two times in a row, winning the championship title.

The tournament consisted of 12

on-island, open division teams in a double-elimination format. After easily beating Futenma and Camp Schwab, the Kadena was sent reeling into the losers' bracket after a loss to Pacific Force.

However, the Falcons worked its through the losers' bracket, winning five games in a row, which required them to play eight straight hours of softball.

After emerging from the loser's bracket, the Kadena Falcons beat Pacific Force, 38-22, sending the tournament into the "if game" — the game Kadena won in the last inning of the championship matchup, 23-22.

Ray Jackson, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, led the Falcons with

13 home runs and a .913 average over the weekend. Bully Balocan, 18th Supply Squadron; Todd Holdman, 18th Munitions Maintenance Squadron; and coach Kevin Meade, 18th Dental Squadron, all combined for 28 home runs, 65 runs batted in, and an .806 batting average.

Pacific Force, made up of Marines, has long been an Air Force nemesis. In the past three tournaments, the Kadena Falcons were runners-up behind Pacific Force. "They've been the powerhouse of the Pacific for the past 10 years," says Meade.

Since the team's formation in August, "we've been doing great. We've really begun to jell as a team," says Meade. "We're persistent, we never

give up and we're like one big family, like a bunch of brothers playing ball. We have a lot of potential. Keep an eye out for us."

The team's intention is to represent Kadena in Air Force level softball competition.

To gear up for that level of play, the team competes in most of the softball tournaments on island. Their next appearance will be in the Kadena Grand Slam circuit of tournaments that started today at 8 a.m. at the Four Diamonds Complex.

The championship game is tentatively scheduled for noon Sunday, if weather permits. For more information about the Kadena Grand Slam, call 634-2207.

## BRIEFS

### Okinawa Marathon registration begins Sunday

The 2000 Okinawa Marathon is scheduled Feb. 20.

A 10-kilometer road race is also planned. Applications are available at the Falcon Fitness Center and the Risner Fitness Center.

The 10-K race is for Status-of-Forces-Agreement people only. Marathon registration fees are ¥3,500 for adults and ¥2,500 for runners between 18-16 years of age.

The fee for the road race is ¥2,000 for everyone over age 16. Registration begins Sunday at the Schilling Community Activities Center or the Falcon Fitness Center.

Kadena's gates two and five will be open to runners and spectators traveling on foot; however, the gates will be closed to all non-authorized vehicles.

The fee includes insurance and a commemorative T-shirt. For more information, call 634-2207/5131.

### Intramural racquetball begins Jan. 10

Intramural racquetball is tentatively set to start Jan. 10 at the Risner Fitness Center. It's slated to end April 10. For more information, call the Falcon Fitness Center at 634-3450/2207.

### Intramural volleyball begins Feb. 7

Intramural volleyball is set to begin Feb. 7. The entry deadline is Jan. 24, with the first coaches' meeting set for Jan. 21. For more information, call the Falcon Fitness Center at 634-3450/1128.

### New Year's aerobathon scheduled here Jan. 2

A free New Year's aerobathon to work off the holiday pounds gets under at 8 a.m., Jan. 2, in the Risner Fitness Center. Five Risner aerobic instructors will lead the event. Warm-ups begin at 8 a.m. and cool-down will start at 10:40 a.m. For more information, call 634-4443/5128.

## Big visit



U.S. Air Force photo

Chad Rowen, world-class heavyweight sumo wrestling champ known as Akebono, posed for pictures and signed autographs Dec. 11 at the Kadena USO. About 300 people showed up for the event that lasted an hour and a half.

### Officials needed for Okinawa association

The Okinawa Athletic Officials Association invites people who would like to become sports officials to attend monthly meetings at 7 p.m. the third Sunday of every month at Kadena High School. No experience is needed.

Sports officials are needed for softball, football, basketball, volleyball and soccer. For more information, call 633-416.

### Winter pool schedule for Kadena High School

Kadena High School's winter hours of operation until Dec. 31 are as follows:

#### Monday through Friday

5:30-6:45 p.m., laps and fitness  
4-5 p.m., open swim  
5-6 p.m., laps/water fitness  
7-8 p.m., open swim

#### Monday, Wednesday and Friday

6-7 p.m., laps/water fitness

#### Tuesday and Thursday

6-7 p.m., laps/open swim

#### Saturday

9-11 a.m., laps

11 a.m. to noon, water fitness/laps

Noon to 5 p.m., open swim

#### Sunday

Closed

For more information, call 634-0645.

### Christian athletes meet fourth Saturday of month

The Okinawa Adult Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes monthly meetings are held the fourth Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the Awase Meadows Golf Course restaurant. The chapter helps support high school sports. For more information, call James Bennett at 645-3100 or 633-0793.

### Roller hockey season starts in January

Registration is underway until January 15 for the spring roller hockey season in the Okinawa Roller Hockey Association.

Spring season rolls to a start Feb. 12 and ends May 14.

For more information, call 633-7479, 646-8888, 622-5193, 637-2978, or visit the association's web site at <http://userhp.kconnect.net/orha>.

### New Year's doubles tennis tournament

The Kadena Tennis Center is having a New Year's doubles tennis tournament Jan. 15-16 for divisions C and D, and Jan. 22-23 for divisions A and B.

Sign-up deadlines are Jan. 10 for divisions C and D, Jan. 17 for divisions A and B. The entry fee is \$15, which includes a T-shirt. Finalists and consolation winners receive Sport Pro Shop gift certificates. For more information, call 634-0695.

### Tennis lessons anyone?

The Kadena Tennis Center offers lessons for all levels and ages. The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call 634-0695.